

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

This is further to a telephone conference of today with Examiner Vu.

Claim 11 is reproduced below with reference numerals for structure forming all or part of the respective element:

11. A plug or socket connectable to a coaxial cable having a plurality of conductors 16.2 and a tubular shielding 15 surrounding all of the conductors 16.2, the plug or socket being formed of several subassemblies and comprising:

an electrically conductive casing sleeve 9 defining an axis and receiving the coaxial cable with the tubular shielding 15 in electrical contact with the casing sleeve 9;

an electrically insulating holder 7 fitted in the casing sleeve 9 and having an axially throughgoing and central passage generally at the axis and an array generally centered on the axis of (four) axially throughgoing outer passages lying between the central passage 2.3 and the casing sleeve 9;

respective contacts 1 in the passages 2.3, the contacts 1 in the outer passages 2.3 each having a press-fit connection secured to a respective one of the conductors 16.2; and

a conductive contacting element 8 separate from but in electrical contact with the casing sleeve 9 and with the contact in the central passage 2.3, the contacting element 8 forming an electrical connection between the central contact 1 and the shielding 15.

The examiner's attention is directed to the fact that here there are two ground paths across the connector, one formed by the sleeve 9 surrounding the conductor, and another formed by the central contact 1 and element 9. In practice both are normally grounded so that the sleeve forms a shield for the conductors, while there is another central ground path through the core of the

conductor, one that is capable of carrying substantially more current than the outer shield formed by several parts.

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